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Re: United States Patent Application No. 10/788,491

For: WIRELESS RADIO FREQUENCY TECHNIQUE DESIGN AND METHOD

FOR TESTING OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS AND WAFERS

Filing Date: March 1, 2004 Applicant: MOORE, Brian

This is further to the Filing Receipt dated May 19, 2004 for the above-noted patent application. Applicant notes an error on the filing receipt under the heading "title". The title should be "Wireless Radio Frequency Technique Design and Method For Testing of Integrated Circuits and Wafers".

A copy of the filing receipt with the correction in the title is attached.

A copy of the first page of the application, as filed, is also attached for your reference.

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Respectfully submitted,

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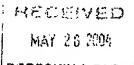
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<u>Title:</u> Wireless Radio Frequency Technique Design And Method For Testing Of Integrated Circuits And Wafers

This application is a continuation of prior Application No. 09/854,905, filed May 15, 2001, the entirety of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a method and apparatus for the testing of wafers during the IC fabrication process and more particularly to a method and apparatus for the wireless testing of ICs on wafers.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

In the Integrated Circuit (IC) manufacturing process, a plurality of ICs are formed upon the surface of a circular wafer by the successive deposition of various materials such as metal and oxide layers according to a design layout. After all of the layers have been deposited, the wafer is diced into separate ICs that are then packaged for sale. For quality assurance purposes and for evaluating the manufacturing process, the ICs are tested for proper operation before they are packaged for sale. However, if it could be determined before dicing and packaging that a defect had occurred in a particular IC, or in the manufacturing process, then substantial cost savings could be achieved by discarding the damaged IC before it is packaged or by discarding the entire wafer before it is diced and making corrections to the manufacturing process.

Conventional IC testing is done after all of the layers have been deposited on the wafer. Due to imperfections in the manufacturing process, a certain amount of the ICs will be defective. For instance if the probability of a defect occurring during the deposition of a metallization layer is 1% then the probability of having defective ICs after 7 metallization layers have been deposited is 6.8% which is not insignificant since ICs are mass produced in large quantities. This is an investment on the part of the manufactures that could be mitigated by knowing errors in the manufacturing process before other manufacturing steps are done. Furthermore, because subsequent metallization layers affect the operation of previous metallization layers, it is